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St Augustine's Catholic Church

The Presbytery, Esdaile Lane, Hoddesdon, EN11 8DS

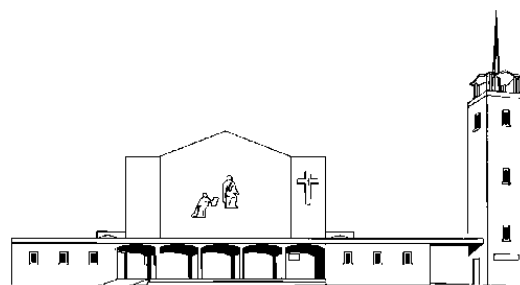
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Year B

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

8th JULY 2018

GOSPEL: Mark 6: 1-6

A prophet is only despised in his own country.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

OUR SUNDAY READING OF MARK'S GOSPEL brings us to the event of Our Lord's return to Nazareth, and His preaching in the home synagogue. They do not accept Him in His new role, and He is rejected already by those amongst whom He has grown up. Think in general what it means that Jesus suffered (and suffers!) the rejection of much of humanity – but think too what it means to Him to have been despised even by the people His home town! How sad it is that sinful mankind does not recognise its Saviour.

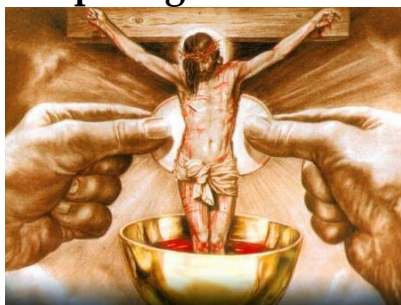


THIS WEEKEND WE WELCOME WILLIAM JOHNSTONE OF THE ST BARNABAS SOCIETY to address us after Holy Communion at our Sunday Masses. William trained for the Anglican ministry at St Stephen's House, Oxford. He served curacies in Plymouth and Sunderland and was received into the Catholic Church in 2001. He is therefore in a good position to describe for us the pastoral and financial challenges that exist when a clergyman of another Christian denomination chooses to give up that life and livelihood in order to become a Catholic. We owe it to those who bravely choose to make this journey to help these converts in their life in the Catholic Church. For more information, see <https://stbarnabassociety.org.uk/>

THIS YEAR'S PARISH BARBECUE has proved to be again very popular, and we look forward to welcoming over 160 parishioners to the Presbytery Garden for an afternoon of food, relaxation and entertainment. I am very grateful to those who have made this event possible – particularly Dawn Bates, our parish secretary, who has co-ordinated the whole event; the Scout group who is doing the cooking; and all others who have volunteered in many capacities with the food, the setting-up of gazebos, tables and chairs, and all the other logistics. Thank you!

May the Lord, in His love and kindness, bless you and your loved one this week! Fr Philip

Preparing for the Eucharistic Congress 2018: John Paul II's *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 35:



The celebration of the Eucharist ... presupposes that communion already exists ... The sacrament is an expression of this bond of communion both in its *invisible* dimension, which, in Christ and through the working of the Holy Spirit, unites us to the Father and among ourselves, and in its *visible* dimension, which entails communion in the teaching of the Apostles, in the sacraments and in the Church's hierarchical order. The profound relationship between the invisible and the visible elements of ecclesial communion is constitutive of the Church as the sacrament of salvation. Only in this context can there be a legitimate celebration of the Eucharist and true participation in it. Consequently it is an intrinsic requirement of the Eucharist that it should be celebrated in communion, and specifically maintaining the various bonds of that communion intact.

PRAYER & LITURGY

ST BARNABAS SOCIETY: William Johnstone will be making an appeal this weekend on behalf of the St Barnabas Society. It exists to provide pastoral and financial help on behalf of the whole Catholic community to former clergy and religious of other Christian denominations, and who have been led by faith and conscience into the full communion of the Catholic Church.

BILL POLLARD RIP of Taylors Avenue, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. His funeral will be on **Monday 16th July at 12 noon.**

May he rest in peace.

FR PHILIP'S FINAL TALK on the Jewish background to the Holy Eucharist: this **Tuesday 10th July 8pm** – 'The Bread of the Presence'. All are welcome in church for this.

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR will next take place **next Sunday 15th July at 5pm** with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly peaceful hour!

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30-8.30pm: **next meeting Friday 20th July.** A semi-formal hour in the Lady Chapel to reflect together on Sunday Scriptures and bring our needs and prayers to the Lord.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO TYBURN CONVENT, the shrine of the martyrs, will be held on **Thursday 23rd August.** More details to follow, but please keep the morning free.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

ADOREMUS, the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage & Congress is being held in Liverpool on **Sat 8th and Sun 9th September.** If you would like to attend, open tickets for the Saturday & Sunday are now available online until the 31st July. You will need to pay a £40 delegate fee. Book your tickets at: unbouncepages.com/adoremus2018/ .

HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

Please pray for our sick parishioners & friends: John Askew, Rosa Augello & Siobhan Fiorentini & Tallulah Scott.

**PLEASE TELL US IF ANYONE IS HOUSEBOUND,
EVEN TEMPORARILY, SO THEY CAN BE VISITED &
HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE HOLY
COMMUNION.**

Housebound parishioners may like to know that Mass is regularly broadcast on the internet from the Catholic Church in Bishops Stortford:
<http://www.churchservices.tv/bishopsstortford>

IF YOU GO IN TO HOSPITAL: Catholics in hospital are unlikely to receive an *automatic* visit from the Catholic Chaplain. If someone is sick in hospital, **please let us know here at the Presbytery, and/or ask the staff on the ward,** so that your loved one can be visited whilst in hospital, and receive Holy Communion and any other Sacraments from the Chaplain.

Chaplains are: Lister, Rev Anthony Curran 01438-285138 or 07876-526935; Princess Alexandra, Fr Leszek Gamracy 01279-426017

CATECHETICS

BAPTISM COURSE: second part of the course will be held on **Monday 9th July from 7.30-9pm.**

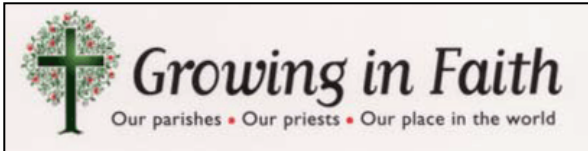
CONFIRMATION 2019: initial 'Come & See' meeting date for the coming year's programme: **Tuesday 17th July at 7.30pm** for parents and candidates in the crypt. It is essential to ring/e-mail the presbytery to register. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN TIME TO THE MEETING.

"RCIA" – 'Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults' is the programme for preparation for adults wishing to become Catholics, or be prepared for the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion). **Course begins Mon 3rd September at 7pm.** If anyone is considering becoming a Catholic (or is an adult Catholic wishing to be confirmed,) please contact Fr Philip soon. There are **green leaflets** outlining RCIA by the newsletters.

SCHOOLS/UNDER-5s

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL has some Nursery places available for 2018-19. See school website for how to apply or contact the office on 463549 **by 20th July.** Places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE: those who have applied to be on the Schools' Signing Register, please keep signing the weekly sign-in-sheet after the Saturday evening vigil Masses and the Masses of Sunday. It is now no longer possible to apply to be added to the register for this year.



We have pledges of c. £185k, to give our parish project, ultimately, a slice of c. £51k. So far we already have £29k available for our parish project, which is to employ a part-time worker in the area of catechetics and evangelization. Fr Philip is working with the diocese and seeking advice from other diocesan priests to draw up a job description to find the right person for this role.

www.rcdow.org.uk/growing-in-faith

JUSTICE & PEACE AND PRO-LIFE

CAFOD - 'Share the Journey' - Join our 24,900 miles walk (the distance around the world) and show solidarity with refugees and migrants, who have been forced to flee their homes. Every step we take will be sending a message to world leaders that they must step up too when they meet to agree new UN agreements. Take part in the walk planned on 2nd September around Barclay Park. With a group of people, the miles will really add up!

TRAIDCRAFT: In March I was able to send off £420 made up from total takings from the sale during Fair Trade fortnight plus the profit made from the stall over the last few years. This was then doubled by the U.K. government giving Traidcraft Exchange a worthy sum of £840 towards their 'Hidden Entrepreneur Appeal', to help thousands of people in Kenya, Senegal and Bangladesh to set up sustainable enterprises. So many thanks on behalf of Traidcraft for your very valued continued support. Maria Hunt.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

PARISH BBQ: this Sunday 8th July at 1pm is now sold out. Please remember to bring your own drink as there isn't a bar. Please note that the playgroup garden is closed, due to damage caused in previous years. **There is a bouncy castle available for the children, but parents must be responsible for their own children.** We look forward to seeing everyone in the garden for a really enjoyable day.

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB on 10th July, 12.30pm

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will be visiting

parish homes on **Mon & Wed afternoons** this week in: St Laurence Dr., High Rd Wormley, Westlea Rd, Wharf Rd, Rowan Dr.

CRYPT RE-FIT: The new worktop has now been fitted, and all is looking so much nearer completion now! We have already received some generous donations towards the new kitchen, but if any other parishioners wish to contribute to the costs (which total £18,000), then it will be gratefully welcomed.

PARISH MAGAZINE: We hope to publish in early September. If you have an article, please do e-mail it to the presbytery by **Friday 20th July.**

200 CLUB WINNER for July is number 124, Judy Livingstone. Congratulations!

CHURCH CLEANERS are **urgently** needed to help on Wed mornings as there are now only 2 cleaners. This will involve one hour per month. If you can help, please contact the presbytery.

KYIV CLASSIC ACCORDIAN DUO are giving a concert of Classical and Ukrainian music in St Catherine's & St Paul's Church on **Thursday 9th August at 7.30pm.** This is a free concert but there will be a donation box in aid of children and families affected by the Chernobyl nuclear disaster. For more info, please contact Margaret Byrne on 443351.

CHURCH CLEANING: Elizabeth Nsonwah, Toni Iamarino & Michel & Jacky Jordan. Thank you for your help.

DATA PROTECTION: After parish rotas have finished, please shred your rota or return it to the presbytery for shredding. Thank you.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

O Mary, Star of the Sea, light of every ocean, guide seafarers across all dark and stormy seas that they may reach the haven of peace and light prepared in Him who calmed the sea. As we set forth upon the oceans of the world and cross deserts of our time, show us, O Mary, the fruit of your womb, for without your Son we are lost. Pray that we will never fail on life's journey, that in heart and mind, word and deed, in days of turmoil and in days of calm, we will always look to Christ and say, 'Who is this that even wind and sea obey him?' Our Lady of Peace, pray for us! Bright Star of the Sea, guide us!

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 7th July 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass Bill Pollard RIP	PAGE 103 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Ezekiel 2: 2–5 <i>The sons are defiant and obstinate and they shall know that there is a prophet among them.</i> Psalm 122 — Our eyes are on the Lord till he show us his mercy.
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass Nadia Miragliotta RIP 5th anniv.	2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 12: 7–10 <i>I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me.</i>
Sun 8th JULY 14th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** Girolamo Ferraro RIP 11.15am For the parish ‡	Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia.</i> Gospel: Mark 6: 1–6 <i>A prophet is only despised in his own country.</i>
Mon 9th July CHINESE MARTYRS 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass Knivett family intentions 9am Morning Prayer	PREFACE TODAY: Sunday no. 6 (p. 55) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 1 (p. 18)
Tues 10th July 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass Denis Lynch RIP 9am Morning Prayer	Next Week's Readings 15th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 1st Reading: Amos 7: 12–15 2nd Reading: Ephesians 1: 3–14 Gospel: Mark 6: 7–13
Wed 11th July ST BENEDICT, Abbot, Patron of Europe 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass Dick Germain RIP — followed by coffee in the crypt 9am Morning Prayer	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.30 – 9am & 10.40 – 11am or ask Fr Philip at any other time.
Thurs 12th July — NO Mass	ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
Fri 13th July <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass Henryk & Assunta Nolewajka RIP	SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK Any parishioner frail through illness or old age, or going into hospital for major surgery, can ask Fr Philip for the Sacrament of Anointing at any time.
Sat 14th July 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass Keith Woollard RIP	SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date. Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass For the parish Sun 15th July 15th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** Pamela Newell RIP 11.15am Nicola Barone RIP 5pm Holy Hour ‡	
<p style="text-align: center;">* Vigil Mass of Sunday ** With Children's Liturgy (nursery-age to year 2 only) ‡ There are also Sunday evening Masses in English in Hertford (6pm) and Waltham Cross (6.30pm)</p>	
REGULAR EVENTS	
Tues 10th 12.30pm Lunch club, crypt	Wed 11th 6pm Brownies, crypt Wed 11th 7.30pm All Saints, crypt

NEWSLETTER ITEMS TO PRESBYTERY IN WRITING, BY FAX, OR E-MAIL BY 9AM THURS WITH YOUR NAME & PHONE NO. — NEW PARISHIONERS Please take a parish membership form & information leaflet from the box attached to the notice board. The completed forms should be posted through the presbytery letterbox. **MOVING HOME?** Please post your new details through the presbytery letterbox. **PARROCCHIANI:** *Si pregano tutti i parrocchiani di prendere i questionari (uno per ciascun famiglia) che si trovano vicino al tabellone degli avvisi. Una volta compilati, i questionari devono essere riconsegnati depositandoli nella cassetta della posta vicina alla statua di Sant'Antonio.*